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Convoy for Freedom Update 45

Next Report: February 12, 2022 4:00 PM

MTO Status Updates

MTO MAG: Activated

Updates in Blue

Region	Events:	Notes - Operational Updates and Impacts
WEST RAG: Activated	Convoy/protest continues in Windsor today. All lanes are currently blocked on Huron Church Road WB (Highway 401 turns into Huron Church Road) and remains closed due to the protest. CBSA update indicates the border is temporarily closed. Alternatively, passenger vehicles can access the tunnel. Ambassador Bridge outbound traffic to US open to all non-commercial traffic. Limited access to the Ambassador Bridge via Wyandotte St. West as of 07:30 hour on Saturday, February 12, 2022. Signs updated to encourage U.S. bound traffic to cross at Sarnia, Bluewater Bridge from Windsor to Hwy 402 in London.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested. OPP is aware MTO Transportation Enforcement Officers will be available upon request. February 11 a request was received from TOC/OPP for 2 crash trucks, TC-54s and barrels to stage for 0700h, February 12 at Highway 402 at Mandaumin Road commuter lot. OPP required barrels to close 2 local roads near the court house and 1 local road at a commuter lot. AMC Emcon was contacted and the request was fulfilled. AMC Emcon is currently checking the position of all portable signs placed along Highway 402 directing traffic along the EDR in place.

	No inbound traffic from US at the Ambassador Bridge crossing Sarnia: Strathroy - Hwy 402 Westbound at Nauvoo Rd / formerly Highway 79 to Kerwood Road (convoy looping around.) Truck Convoy with approximately 25 vehicles including 10 tractors. Detour route in place at Highway 22. Hwy 402 Westbound on-ramp at Front Street. All westbound lanes remain closed. Oxford County: Saturday, February 12, 2022 unconfirmed planned protest that may affect on and off ramps on Highway 401 at Highway 59 and Highway 19. Expected to start from 400 Simcoe St, Tillsonburg at 1:00PM to 53 Stover Street South, Norwich with approximately 500 vehicles.	
CENTRAL RAG: Activated	Convoy has moved through the region. No further activity reported. Niagara: Protest planned for Saturday, February 12, 2022 to block Peace Bridge. Meeting at the Costco Parking Lot, Stoney Creek ON (1326 South Service Road, Stoney Creek ON, L8E 5C5) at 0730 departing at 0800. A second convoy is meeting at the Husky Truck Stop Niagara on the Lake (615 York RD) at	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. No request for assistance has been received from the OPP. Central Operations Head of Maintenance will continue to sit with the OPP Command Team at the EOC to monitor any developments and offer assistance as needed.

	0900 departing at 0930. ON the New York side, the 1st group is meeting at 900 Young St, Tonawanda NY at 1100 hrs and a 2nd group at Pat Sole Park 888 Columbus PKWY Buffalo NY at 1200 hrs. Both groups are going to lock the Peace Bridge from both sides of the border. There is no mention of the Queenston Lewiston Bridge.	OPP is aware MTO Transportation Enforcement Officers will be available upon request.
EAST RAG: Activated	Convoys continue in the City of Ottawa. Potential activity at the Hwy 137 border crossing Saturday morning. Traffic control crew on standby as requested by OPP. Planned gathering in Havelock tomorrow, no request from OPP in relation to this but the AMC has been made aware and is prepared.	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP. Contacted by OPP and a traffic control crew is standby should OPP request assistance.
NORTHEAST RAG: Activated	Convoys have moved through the region. Unconfirmed information that potential of a Sault Ste. Marie international border bridge blockade planned for this weekend. The crossing in Sault is not MTO property, and the roads leading to it are connecting links, so municipal jurisdiction, not MTO. Small local convoy planned in New Liskeard for Saturday, February 19 beginning at 11 AM. Route is 343 Whitewood Avenue to Armstrong Street,	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP.

	to Highway 65, to Highway 11. Route includes approximately 1.5 km of highway. Remainder of route is on municipal roads.	
NORTHWEST RAG: Activated	Social Media Confirmed: Peaceful protest planned for Thunder Bay– beginning at 11AM Saturday, February 12, starting at Intercity Mall, slow roll down Highway 61 to the Tourist Info Centre at Pigeon River Border. Social Media Confirmed: Peaceful protest planned for Thunder Bay beginning at 11:30AM on Saturday, February 12. Tractors will be starting near corner of McCluskey Drive and Highway 130, taking Highway 130 to Arthur St, expecting to reach Arthur St (Twin City Crossroads area) between 12:00-12:15PM. Going from Arthur St. to Waterloo/Balmoral, Balmoral to Harbour Expressway, Expressway to Fort William Rd. Fort William Road to Marina for around 1PM to meet up with Marina to Waverly Park Protest. Social Media Confirmed: Planned –convoy to the Nipigon River Bridge on Saturday, February 26, 2022 Thunder Bay to Nipigon leaving at 9am. Manitoba RCMP Confirmed Emmerson border crossing in Manitoba has been completely blocked, this could cause a	MTO will assist as usual practice if requested by OPP.

	block along Highway 17 at the Ontario/Manitoba border.	
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OPS Building & Operations Issues

- The Toronto Police Service has closed Queen's Park Circle from College Street to Bloor Street. This action is in response to unverified information regarding a possible vehicle demonstration in the downtown core. In response to this potential demonstration, Toronto Police Service has increased its presence in the area of the Precinct.
- 151 Bloor St., Toronto
 - Advised that another truck blockade may be coming to Bloor Street.
 - Access to the building by vehicle may be difficult.
 - Additional security to attend to the building.

Services Disruptions

- Active construction projects are being monitored for any impacts due to the protests.
- EMS/Hospitals to plan accordingly for this weekend, as inter-facility transfers will take additional time to complete. Non-critical transfers may be delayed until the demonstration is clear of all hospital areas.
- Ford and Toyota on Wednesday both said they were halting some production as anti-coronavirus mandate protesters blocked U.S-Canada border crossings that have prompted warnings from Washington and Ottawa of economic damage.

Municipal Issues

- **Sudbury**
 - Sudbury Police reporting convoy in Sudbury beginning between 10:30-11:00am with demonstration in parking lot of New Sudbury Centre. Police will be on scene
- **Niagara**
 - Approximately 200 (MTO Count) to 400 (OPP Count) vehicles left the Niagara-on-the-Lake Husky marshalling area at 9:30am en route to the Fort Erie Peace Bridge.
- **Strathroy**

- Truck Convoy with approximately 25 vehicles including 10 tractors. Highway 402 westbound remains closed from Nauvoo road to Forest road as of 07.30 hours February 12th, 2022.
- New Liskeard
 - Small local convoy planned in New Liskeard for Saturday, February 19 beginning at 11 AM. Route is 343 Whitewood Avenue to Armstrong Street, to Highway 65, to Highway 11. Route includes approximately 1.5 km of highway. Remainder of route is on municipal roads.
- Havelock
 - Planned protest, no request from OPP in relation to this but the AMC has been made aware and is prepared.
- Thunder Bay
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- Windsor
 - Convoy/protest continues today.
 - Counter protest planned for this weekend.
- Ottawa (Parliament Hill)
 - Convoy/protest continues today.
- Oxford County
 - Planned protest for Saturday 12th that may affect on and off ramps on Hwy 401 at Hwy 59 and Hwy 19 starting from 400 Simcoe St. Tillsonburg at 1:00pm.
 - OPP estimates there will be 500 vehicles taking part in the convoy, beginning in Tillsonburg around noon. The expected route will take them through downtown Tillsonburg, north up Highway 19 to Ingersoll, East on Beachville Road/Main Street to Woodstock, and South on Highway 59 to Norwich.
 - We are expecting significant disruptions to vehicle traffic not only on these primary routes but secondary routes as well.
 - OPP have been in contact with Woodstock Police and all area municipal Fire Departments.
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- Freedom Convoy Toronto: Round Two. Meeting at Queen's Park by 1200 hrs Feb 12th 2022, with the staging areas located at;
 - Vaughn Mills
 - Yorkdale
 - Sherway Gardens
 - Square One
- The convoy groups will depart at 1100 hrs.
- Their posts on social media suggests that, in addition to heading into the downtown Toronto Core, they may also be deploying some of their convoy to the 401 corridors through Toronto, to block it.
- They plan to encamp downtown Toronto and not leave until all mandates are rescinded.

International Border Issues

- Canada Border Services
 - Due to current border disruptions at certain locations on the Canada-US border, the CBSA will facilitate the movement of commercial goods at other commercial ports of entry without the need to update the "Port of Report" or "Port of Destination" or sub-location codes on already accepted electronic Conveyance, Cargo, or Release documents. Examples:
 - **Highway Carriers** – If a Highway Conveyance and Cargo document(s) are already accepted for Windsor, Ontario (Port code 0453) and the crossing will now occur at Sarnia- Blue Water Bridge, Ontario (Port code 0440), there is not a need to update Port location in this instance and leave as Port Code 0453 as originally declared.
 - **Brokers** – If a release document is accepted for related cargo to be released at Windsor, Ontario (Port code 0453) and the crossing will now occur at Sarnia – Blue Water Bridge, Ontario (Port code 0440), there is not a need to update Port location in this instance and leave as Port Code 0453.
- Windsor
 - No US or Canada bound traffic movement at Ambassador Bridge.
 - Passenger vehicles can still access the tunnel at Windsor/Detroit.

- Niagara
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 - On the New York side, the 1st group is meeting at 900 Young St, Tonawanda NY at 1100 hrs and a 2nd group at Pat Sole Park 888 Columbus PKWY Buffalo NY at 1200 hrs.
 - There is no mention of the Queenston Lewiston Bridge.
- Lansdowne
 - Potential activity at the Hwy 137 border crossing Saturday morning. Traffic control crew on standby as requested by OPP.
- Sault Ste. Marie
 - Unconfirmed information of a potential international border blockade on the weekend.